

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

October 2018

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## President's Message

*"You've got to ask! Asking is in my opinion the world's most powerful - and neglected - secret to success and happiness." ~ Percy Ross*

Keeping this quote in mind, I want to ask everyone to put a high priority on attending our October meeting. It is a great opportunity to get into costume (optional) and be another character for a brief time. It is also a time to shop for some great deals and bid on the unique Live Auction items. This year we will have thirty Live Auction items – as they say, “something for everyone.” You’ll find a sneak preview of just a few of the items elsewhere in this newsletter.

We tried a new drop-off system last year for Silent Auction donations and it worked so well, we are using it again. Your donations may be delivered early on Monday, October 22 from 11 am to 1 pm, or Tuesday, October 23 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Just drive under the portico at Alta Sierra Country Club, and our volunteers will accept your items right from your car! Please note that no personal sale items will be accepted this year. A bid sheet is included in this newsletter. Please bring the completed bid sheets with your Silent Auction items.

For October we are offering a lighter lunch crafted by our luncheon chairs. Please give us your input so we know if we are going in the right direction. We are trying to keep the price reasonable but recognize that food prices continue to rise for everyone, including our restaurant at Alta Sierra Country Club.

Please remember that we do not meet in November, but instead meet the first Wednesday in December. We’ll celebrate the holiday season this year on December 5 with a buffet style luncheon. The price will increase to \$30 for this December buffet lunch, and our program will include the Altenbach family, entertaining us again this year with their wondrous music.

I ask that you select some items that will work for the silent auction, plan to deliver them early, send in your reservations, invite your friends, and come be a part of this unique and fun auction experience. If you do, we will all be successful and happy!

## October Luncheon Meeting & Annual Auctions

**October 24, 2018**

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Doors Open at 10:00 am – Silent Auction Bidding begins at 10:30 am**

**Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 am – Live Auction at 1:00 pm**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person**

## October Program: Our Annual Live and Silent Auctions

Hopefully October will bring us some cooler, clearer weather. And that means it's time to donate or re-gift all those new or gently used items taking up space in your cupboards to our 2018 **Silent Auction**. (No clothing please.) Our Christmas Families Project is the beneficiary of 100% of the proceeds from your donations. Your participation is what will help make this year's auction a success.

There are two early drop off days scheduled at Alta Sierra Country Club: Monday, October 22 from 11 am to 1 pm, and Tuesday, October 23 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Or, you can bring your items the morning of the auction.

For questions about donations, drop-off or storage of items for the auction, please contact our Silent Auction Chairs, you can find their names on Page 5 of the Roster.

The Newcomers Club **Live Auction** is an exciting and fun-filled event that supports our Christmas Families Project. Together we can create another special, magical Christmas for children and families in our community. Last year we supported over 145 children from 72 families, all because of your generosity. The Live Auction boasts a dream list that you won't want to miss, offering treasures that will amaze and tempt you! Remember, the Live Auction is open to everyone, so invite your family and friends. John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, will return as our auctioneer, bringing his efficient, dynamic, fast-paced entertaining energy to this event. Don't forget your wish list and checkbook. (We're unable to process credit card payments.) Please remember there will be no refunds for your Live and Silent Auctions purchases.

Here are a few of the treasures on the auction block that will tickle your fancy:

An amazing wine rack filled with six bottles of your favorite wines from Sierra Starr, Nevada City Winery and La Crema

Two nights at the elegant Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno

A flyover of our scenic area with Bruce Marlow

Alta Sierra Country Club golf package plus a \$100 gift certificate to Timbers Bar & Grill

Truckee River rafting trip and dining at River Ranch Lodge

Overflowing gift basket from Tess' Kitchen Store

A beautiful floral arrangement from Grass Valley Florist

CATS theatre tickets for two and a gift card from The Stone House restaurant

Two tickets to the 2019 Soroptimist Garden Tour and a plant stand with potted plants

A half-day guided fishing trip on the Yuba River

A three-night stay at a lovely wine country home in Windsor

A Mystery Dinner for eight. Such FUN!

A three-hour videograph by Barton Cox, for your special occasion

Need your trees trimmed?  
Tim the Tree Man is offering a \$780 gift certificate.

A week-long stay at a lovely North Carolina condo

A magnificent Harvest Gathering wall hanging handcrafted by Alice Ruth

A day of fun in Grass Valley, including the 49er Fun Park, bowling at Prospector's, and a Baskin Robbins gift certificate

A heartfelt thank you to the committee that has worked tirelessly to bring about the best Live Auction ever.

### October Luncheon Menu

Choice of

#### **One Half BLAT Wrap**

Bacon, lettuce, avocado and tomato wrapped in a flour tortilla served with French fries

or

#### **One Half Cobb Salad with a Cup of Soup**

Romaine lettuce, chicken, bacon, tomatoes, Gorgonzola cheese, hard-boiled eggs and avocado served with a blue cheese dressing

or

#### **One Half Shrimp Louie Salad with a Cup of Soup**

Bay shrimp, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, deviled eggs served with Thousand Island dressing

or

#### **One Half Vegetarian Cobb Salad (no chicken or bacon) with a Cup of Soup**

Salads include a cup of French onion soup, bread and butter

All entrées include coffee and tea

Tiramisu for dessert

To make reservations for **OCTOBER 24**, please make your **\$20.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **Oct-BLAT Wrap**, **Oct-Cobb Salad**, **Oct-Louie Salad** or **Oct-Veg** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservation Chair for October.

Checks must be received by **Monday, October 15**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 16**. After **Tuesday, October 16**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for October.

## Christmas Families Project

Wow! It is almost time for our Christmas Families Project to begin in earnest. We have already begun to get our committee members together for a planning meeting, and we will be asking for volunteers to shop and wrap very soon. Look for an update in our November newsletter. In the meantime, please be sure to come to the October luncheon for our annual Live and Silent auctions. This is our major fundraiser for this project, so without your participation it won't happen. If you have any questions, please contact either of the Christmas Families Chairs. Their names can be found on Page 5 of your Roster.

## Christmas Families Goodie Bag Project

Each year we have requested items from you so the parents of our children will have a special gift as well. You have been so generous, and we have provided toiletries, dental care items and other gifts.

The crochet and knitting groups are busy making beautiful scarves and hats for each of our parents. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

This year we have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste but need dental floss. There are plenty of small toiletry items, but we need **larger** items.

Here are some suggestions, although you may think of even better ideas:

Makeup, grooming items, lotions, shampoo, manicure and pedicure kits and polish, bath and spa items, stretchy house shoes/slippers, gloves in many sizes, socks, flashlights, tools for home maintenance and kitchen, towels, batteries, wallets, blankets or throws, notepads and pens or pencils.

Time is running out! Please bring your items to the October luncheon or contact either of the Christmas Families Chairs. Their names can be found on Page 5 of your Roster.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

## December Luncheon Meeting

**December 5, 2018 at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**December Program: Richard Altenbach and Family**

We are pleased that the very talented Altenbach family is returning to present a special Christmas program. Composer and classical violinist, Richard Altenbach, performs currently as Concertmaster of Auburn Symphony and InConcert Sierra. He has been featured locally as a chamber musician and as soloist for Music in the Mountains, InConcert Sierra, and the Apollo Arts Ensemble. Richard has performed live on the *Academy Awards* and *The Tonight Show*, and has collaborated with Frank Sinatra, YoYo Ma, Barbra Streisand, Mannheim

Steamroller and Puff Daddy among many others. His beautiful and talented wife Dawn and son Bren (who recently played "James" in *James and the Giant Peach*) will sing. This is sure to be a great program so join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

## Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

All attendees will have assigned seating.

You may create a group from two to eight people for this event, a maximum of eight per table. For reservations with fewer than eight, your table will be completed with other members. There are two ways to make table reservations for your group:

- 1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club in the correct amount) and lists what each person wants for lunch either on the lower left-hand corner of each check or on a group list. Paperclip the checks together and place in an envelope.  
Or,
- 2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees along with each of their lunch requests.

**Please ensure that each person's meal choice is noted on the checks or on your list of tablemates.**

If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club and write your luncheon choice on the bottom of your check. You will be welcomed by our reservations team at the luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned to you.

### December Buffet Menu

Broccoli and Cheddar soup

**Stuffed Pork Loin** with baby spinach, feta, apples, caramelized red onions and a cherry port reduction with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

**Portobello-Eggplant Napoleons** stacked with fresh Parmesan, tomato and basil, topped with marinara sauce

Bread and butter

Mini dessert bar, coffee and tea

To make Reservations for **December 5**, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**, or follow the directions above for group reservations, and drop the checks with your reservation instructions into the Check Box at the October luncheon, or mail them to the Reservation Chair for December.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 19**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 20**. After **Tuesday, November 20**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for December.

Make ALL checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**. Although you may choose to enjoy a bit of both entrées from the buffet, we want to ensure enough servings for everyone, so please write **Dec-Pork** or **Dec-Veg** on the bottom of your check or for each person on your group list.

## **More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!**

**January 23, 2019** – Jim Barrilleaux, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, commanded the squadron responsible for training all U-2 pilots located at Beale Air Force Base. He also flew a wide variety of missions, both domestic and international, for NASA.

## **Activities**

### **New Activity Groups:**

**Caring Friends** - The Caring Friends activity group will consist of eight to ten members willing and available to help when a member of Newcomers is in need. We have many single members who, at any time, could have a serious fall, be diagnosed with an illness, or just unable to take care of routine tasks. Even if a member has a husband, he may not be in a position to be a caregiver, and that is where our group would come in. The lead person will receive the phone calls and then allocate a job to whoever is available (dog walkers, rides to appointments, meals when needed, grocery shopping or whatever help that person needs). The group would meet for lunch every two months to check to see how things are going and who they are helping at that particular time. We do have an aging membership, and at any time someone might need our help. Also, they would not feel that it was an imposition to ask, as that would be the whole purpose of the group. Interested members who would like to join this group should contact our Vice-President. Her name is on Page 5 of your Roster.

**Hand and Foot** meets the third Thursday of the month. This group is new and is looking for more members to join them. If you are interested, please contact either of the leaders listed on Page 7 of your Roster.

### **Current Activity Groups:**

**Cooking Group: Kitchen Kutups** meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. They are looking for one new member. For additional information, please contact this group's leader. You will find her name listed on Page 6 of your Roster.

**The Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. This group is looking for a new person or persons to chair the club. For further information, please contact the leader listed on Page 6 of your Roster. There is always room for new members. The meetings are usually held

at private gardens, nurseries or other places where we can have a speaker. There is always someone, either the owner of the garden or a nursery, who will give a talk.

If there are any groups that are currently looking for new members or if you would like to start up a new group, please contact the Activities Chair. Her name is listed on Page 5 of your Roster.

## **Sunshine**

If you know of a member who is in need of a sympathy, get well or thinking of you card, please notify our Sunshine Chair, who is listed on Page 5 of your Roster, and she'll put one in the mail.

## **Membership**

We welcome our five new members. Our membership now totals 283.

**E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions:** If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, contact our Membership chair, or direct them to our website, [NewcomersNC.org](http://NewcomersNC.org), where you can find and print a Membership Application.

# Newcomers Club Silent Auction

<b>Please PRINT</b>
Item Description _____
Donor's Name & Phone Number _____
Estimated Value \$ _____ <b>Bid Increments</b> _____

**OPENING BID** \_\_\_\_\_

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